
DIGEST

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HB 495 Reengrossed

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Hazel

Abstract: Requires the issuance of retired law enforcement identification for the purposes of carrying concealed weapons.

Present law provides that an individual who is retired from service as a qualified law enforcement officer and who was commissioned by the agency or office from which he retired and is carrying the identification required by his office as a retired law enforcement officer, may carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public.

Present law defines "qualified retired law enforcement officer" as an individual who meets certain requirements including the following:

- (1) Separated from service in good standing from a law enforcement agency as a qualified law enforcement officer.
- (2) Has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health or has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual separated from service in which that individual acknowledged he or she was not qualified for reasons relating to mental health.

Present law provides that the identification required by present law is the photographic identification credential issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer that identifies the person as having been employed as a law enforcement officer.

Proposed law requires the sheriff or chief law enforcement officer to issue identification required by present law to each individual who meets the requirements set forth in present law for a "qualified retired law enforcement officer".

Further amends the present law requirements as follows:

- (1) Adds that, for purposes of present and proposed law, an officer is in "good standing" unless the officer is the subject of an internal investigation for which the presumptive penalty, if the investigation is disposed of as "sustained", is termination.
- (2) Adds that the person has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to physical health and has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual separated from service

in which that individual acknowledged he or she was not qualified for reasons relating to physical health.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.1.4(B)(1) and (6); Adds R.S. 40:1379.1.4(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Amend proposed law to require the sheriff or chief law enforcement officer to issue identification required by present law to each individual who meets the requirements for a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" as provided by present law and as amended by proposed law.
2. With regard to the requirements for a "qualified retired law enforcement officer":
 - (a) Add that an officer is in "good standing" unless the officer is the subject of an internal investigation for which the presumptive penalty, if the investigation is disposed of as "sustained", is termination.
 - (b) Add that the person is not unqualified for reasons relating to physical health.